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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Hammond *et al.*  
SERIAL NO.: 09/543,188  
FILING DATE: September 10, 1998  
TITLE: PRION-BINDING LIGANDS AND METHODS OF USING SAME

EXAMINER: Zachariah Lucas  
ART UNIT: 1648

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the January 28, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before July 28, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18242-507. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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